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Concerns over town council funding

MEMBERS of Bridport Town Council's finance and general purposes committee are making their own representation to the Communities Secretary, to ensure they receive appropriate funding for services devolved due to the local government reorganisation.

Lottie Welch

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Councils are being encouraged to send comments to The Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, who will give his final decision on Dorset having two unitary authorities in January.

Bob Gillis, Bridport Town Council town clerk, suggested a possible response from the town council.

He said: "We welcome it (unitary authority) as long as things like delegation of services is properly resourced, and the town council would like to pick up more services, but provision needs to be made by the principal councils to ensure that the town councils that take on these services have the funding to deliver those."

Cllr Dave Rickard said that he would like to see 'local area boards' made up of and run by local people, which invite councillors to meetings and can hold them to account.

The town council is meeting regularly with other West Dorset town councils and West Dorset District Council as part of a new External Programme Board to discuss potential service transfers as part of the reorganisation.

The intention is that if two unitary authorities are established in Dorset, that local services are safeguarded and, where feasible, delivered by the town council.

The potential service transfers were discussed at a recent meeting and those identified so far include: tourist information centres, public toilets, town centre economic development and discretionary grants.

As well as the discussions at the programme board, the town council has also been meeting

with the district council to discuss potential asset transfers to provide an income stream to support the possible local management of public toilets in Bridport and West Bay.

Councillor Sarah Williams, leader of the council, said: "The town council welcomes the establishment of the External Programme Board and the district council's commitment to work with the town councils to enable a successful transfer of services, that have been identified for potential devolution."

"The town council has shown a willingness to take on a manage services locally, as demonstrated by the successful transfer of the Tourist Information Centre at the start of this year."

"The town council is in discussion with the district council on a package of potential asset transfers to support the future local management of the public toilets."

"It will also be working with the district council to consider future support for local voluntary sector organisations, such as the arts centre and the museum, whose funding agreements with the district council are due to come to an end in March 2019."

"However, it will take time to agree a package of asset transfers as the town council needs to ensure it has sufficient income streams avail-

able to support the local management of these services and the town council looks forward to continuing discussions with West Dorset District Council."

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Call for an awareness day over the amount of plastic in the sea

WEYMOUTH man Patrick Howie has launched an online petition lobbying the Government to create a national awareness day on the amount of plastic in the sea.

Mr Howie, who regularly swims in the sea, said: "There's something umbilical about the sea: a sense of closeness, the sound, the colours, the beaches, bird and marine life, living nature."

"As I swim along I see fish, crabs and different shells, sometimes a lobster and sometimes giant jellyfish."

"Then I see lost footballs floating away which I sometimes manage to rescue. Then I see the debris: the cans and crisp packets, the glass

and the plastic.

"Boy, so much plastic - bags, bottles, straws, buds, string, containers - so much, every day."

"The experts say that within a few years, unless we change, there will be more plastic in the sea than marine life! And it's getting into our food chain: tiny particles appearing in our sea food. From land to sea and back again, maybe we're the ones committing suicide?"

Mr Howie continued: "My idea is to get the Government to create a national awareness day specifically against plastic in the sea. There is no such dDay at the moment and it would be great if Britain were the first."

"We have great historical and cultural links

to the sea - let's protect it."

"A Government created day (or weekend) on which all organisations can focus, increasing the sum of the parts. An annual reminder around which organisations collaborate, for example why not a cordon of sea protection festivals around the coastal counties and working harbours? Family, educational, fun, fish and sea orientated?"

Patrick's petition needs 100,000 signatures by April for it to be considered for debate in Parliament.

To sign up, visit <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/202198>

Artists wanted for seaside improvement projects

COULD you stop people littering Dorset's beautiful coastline? Or maybe you've got creative ideas about how to regenerate seaside parts of Poole.

Artists are wanted for high-profile projects working on two of Dorset Coastal Connections' initiatives. The first opportunity involves finding ways to improve Shore Road Beach and Branksome Chine and pays an artist fee of £9,000. The second seeks ideas for how to change people's behaviour and stop them littering our lovely beaches. It pays an artist fee of £7,000, plus a materials budget of £2,000.

Both projects recognise the importance of the artists, who will have a creative input from the beginning. They will be working as part of a cross-disciplinary team.

The anti-litter project is being led by Litter Free Coast and Sea working with the Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Food and Drink programme. It focuses on Bournemouth, Weymouth, West Bay and Lyme Regis.

Litter Free Coast and Sea aims to reduce marine and beach litter, and improve bathing water quality along the Dorset coast. We have some of the cleanest beaches and best bathing water quality in the country. Litter Free Coast and Sea would like to help keep it that way and make our beaches even better. Can you help?

Both these projects are part of the wider Dorset Coastal Connections portfolio of 18 projects funded by the Coastal Community Fund and coordinated by the Dorset Coast Forum, who are working collaboratively with The Arts Development Company and the individual project teams.

Deadline for the Poole regeneration project is January 8th. Litter Free Dorset deadline is January 19th. See The Arts Development Company's website for more details: www.theartsdevelopmentcompany.org.uk



■ **DON'T FEED THE GULLS:** Fish and chips is part of the fun of the seaside, but the litter it creates needs to be disposed carefully



Weldmar Snowdrop Services

WELDMAR Hospicecare is holding nine Snowdrop Services throughout the county in February.

The charity's Snowdrop Gardens and Walks were established to provide a lasting memorial to those who were dear to the bereaved.

The services are held in late winter when snowdrops first appear, reminding people that the hope and warmth of spring are not far away.

The nine Snowdrop Services of Remembrance in 2018 are :

Bridport St Mary's Church on Thursday 1st February at 11am
Sherborne, Sherborne Abbey on Friday 2nd February at 11am
Gillingham, The Cemetery Gardens on Saturday 3rd February at 11am
Stalbridge, The Pound Gardens on Sunday 4th February 3pm

Beaminster, St Mary's Church on Tuesday 6th February at 11am
Lyme Regis, St Michael the Archangel on Wednesday 7th February at 2.30pm
Sturminster Newton, The Railway Gardens on Monday 12th February at 11.30am
Shaftesbury, Bell Street United Church on Monday 12th February at 3pm
Blandford, St Peter's & St Paul's Church on Tuesday 13th February at 2.30pm

All are welcome to attend these services. If you wish, snowdrops may be planted in memory of your loved one, and their name included in the Snowdrop Memorial book which is kept in each location. Weldmar ask for a donation of £10 to cover costs; this donation would be acknowledged by a commemorative card.

For more information call Weldmar's Bereavement Services on 01305 215300.

28 charged during Christmas driving campaign

A FURTHER nine people have been charged with drink or drug driving offences as part of Dorset Police's Christmas drink and drug driving campaign.

They are due to appear at court in Poole and Weymouth this month

The campaign ran from Friday, December 1st through to Monday, January 1st. A total of 28 people have been charged with offences during the campaign.

Throughout the month-long operation, officers requested breath tests from all drivers involved in road traffic collisions, irrespective of whether or not they suspected a drink driving offence.

Drivers could expect to be tested during routine stop checks and if they were stopped for an offence. Drugwipe sample kits were used on drivers suspected of being unfit to drive through drugs.

Beaminster Town Council chairman Chris Turner looks forward to 2018

AS 2018 starts, Cllr Chris Turner, chairman of Beaminster Town Council, looks back on the year and what to expect in the new year:

I HOPE that the residents of Beaminster would, like me, view the past year as being mostly positive and productive.

Needless to say, it's been another busy year for us all, staff and councillors alike.

As we emerge into 2018, we shall continue to examine the opportunities and risks presented to us by Dorset's impending transformation into a unitary authority and the melting-pot of local government reorganisation. We shall argue for the best interests and best value for the town as a whole.

Thanks to some renewed focus by DCC's highways engineers, we may see

some progress on the ongoing saga of the Prout Bridge railings which we hope will then allow the reinstatement of the railings themselves.

New road surfacing on Whitcombe Road now completes the programme of re-surfacing on all major routes into Beaminster.

At the other end of town, we are grateful that Sus-trans and the children at St Mary's School have been working on some innovative, safer ideas for a crossing on Clay Lane.

Elsewhere, we are pleased to say that the new roof on the Public Hall has been completed to a high standard so that it is now weather tight and secure, and plans are going apace for the new children's play area in the Memorial Playing Field.

It has been a very tight timescale trying to get the

funding and we should all be grateful to the councillors who have worked very hard, with the help of a skilled play-space designer, to get all these plans in place.

We will also be fundraising for this and our next key project, the new skatepark, which we are hoping to build this year.

The Beaminster Festival has had another successful year and the museum has provided locals and visitors with more interesting and engaging exhibitions.

I am pleased to say that the Yarn Barton Centre continues in its role as a hub for local information, not least being latest versions of the bus timetables.

The brick wall has had a rest from the pounding it's been getting in our efforts to reinstate a Saturday bus for the Beaminster area! We have not finished yet.

On behalf of Beaminster Town Council, its residents, workers and visitors, I would like to wish you all a very safe, healthy and Happy New Year!



■ Beaminster Town Council chairman, Cllr Chris Turner

A New Year message from the Mayor Of Bridport

AS THE new year begins, Bridport mayor, Cllr Anne Rickard, looks back on the year and important events:

I WOULD like to take this opportunity to look back on the civic year in Bridport since I was privileged to be elected the town mayor in May.

With changes to local government likely in the next year, there will be challenges but also opportunities for the town.

Whilst it is not decided at my time of writing as to exactly what new responsibilities Bridport will find at its feet, we can be sure that the resilience of our town will continue to blossom.

This resilience is in large part due to a hard-working team at the town council supported by a community which rallies round to protect the unique character of Bridport and its deserved description of a town 'punching way above its weight' – a comment often made when I am visiting other towns in the area.

Over the year, whether there has been a need to confront a difficult situation, or whether someone wants to run a festival, a community opera, or maybe set up a charity, the support has been there, both from the people and so often facilitated by a willing and 'can-do' town council.

Our festival and events calendar increased again this year – every single one was a success – and most of these raised lots of money for local charities.

How proud I am to be part of a town in which inclusivity is so important. This has been demonstrated in spades by the many events and festivals, groups, clubs and societies which are run by willing volunteers, giving so many of us the chance to take part, at whatever level suits us, drawing us in and 'gluing' us together.

We have some feisty and deeply caring people here and when something crops up, they react.

Either 'born and bred' or newcomers they generally agree that change is fine, as long as it benefits the town, but that the precious character and values we hold dear must always be preserved. I agree.

My closest concerns are for our future generations. Over the past months I have been raising money for my chosen charities which benefit our young people.

Transition Town Bridport is encouraging us all to ensure we have a healthy planet to live on, the youth centre (now being run by a new and successful voluntary trust) is providing

wonderful experiences and activities for our youngsters, and we are just about to launch our Bridport Citizens' Charter, which is to encourage our respect for human rights throughout our community.

Our local schools are supporting a Rights Respecting programme, which is very successful and the ambition is to reinforce the importance of this to the wider community, as it is imperative for all of us to feel respected and comfortable at all times.

I have had the privilege and pleasure to attend very many events both inside and outside Bridport since I've been mayor and I have been literally bombarded with comments about the friendliness, energy and diversity of talent we have here – and 'how lucky we are'.

I think something special has been created in this corner of West Dorset – is it in the water or the beer?

Either way, I'll raise a glass to that – let Bridport continue to be special, let our festivals be fabulous, let new friendships be forged, our local businesses boom, and our children cherished.

Before I finish, I want to offer my condolences to all those who have had bad experiences or lost loved ones this year. I hope time begins to

heal the pain.

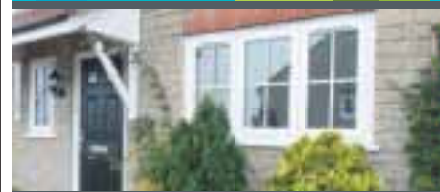
I wish everyone a very healthy and happy new year.



■ The Mayor of Bridport, Cllr Anne Rickard

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Antiques centre opens its doors

Two plaques made by local stone carver Phil Brown (second left) were unveiled by the Mayor of Bridport, Cllr Anne Rickard (second right), at the opening of Bridport Antiques. The mayor and Mr Brown are pictured with owners Sam (left) and Richard Payne-Withers.

Below, the mayor officially opens the new premises alongside owners Richard and Sam.

BRIDPORT Antiques in West Street has been officially opened by Bridport mayor, Cllr Anne Rickard.

The business, run by Richard and Sam Payne-Withers, opened in The Old Court and offers numerous rooms full of antiques.

Two plaques with the premises' name, which were handmade by local stone carver, Phil Brown, were also unveiled at the front of the building.

Richard Payne-Withers said: "A massive thank you to all those who came to our official opening, for your lovely comments and kind good wishes.

"A special thank you to Ilaria from Mercato Italiano for the food, Chris Kirtley for the music, Jess for waitressing, the team for all their hard work, especially Sam Payne-Withers for her support, help and encouragement."



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End of year thank you from the RNLI

■ THE Bridport Branch of the RNLI has a committee of 13 people who organise fundraising events all year round, and last year they have held flag days, organised Seatown BBQ, West Bay Fun Day, the raft race, and the carol singing evening at the George Hotel in West Bay. We are always pleased to welcome new Committee members.

Although Bridport does not have a Lifeboat Station we do have a Lifeguard Service operating in West Bay.

This operates in conjunction with the Lyme Regis Lifeboat and the Weymouth Lifeboat when needed.

In 2016 lifeguards carried out just over 209,000 preventative actions. They rescued 56 people from the water, provided first aid to seven people and dealt with five lost children.

Many people are unaware that lifeguards perform lifesaving work not only in the water but also on the beach in our

role as first responders for all medical emergencies, both major and minor.

All RNLI lifeguards are highly trained in casualty care, which is a form of advanced first aid.

Our events have raised over £14,000 this year and is sent to the RNLI Headquarters in Poole to ensure that the whole of the British coastline is covered by a sea rescue service and a Lifeguarding service which is second to none in

the world.

May I, through your pages, thank all those who have helped us this year to raise these funds, by organising events, contributing to our collection boxes and offering support in other ways.

We look forward to another successful year in 2018 and wish our supporters safe and happy 2018.

SADIE MILES,
Chairman, Bridport RNLI

Increase in the number of car accidents can not be just blamed on careless drivers

■ CHRISTMAS or not, car accidents continue to build up locally on the A35 and with the current road infrastructure one can see why; and it is not only through bad and careless driving!

Without any cause to scaremonger, I cannot conceivably see, or even hope, for any improvement in the near future: and who is to blame and where is the finger to be

pointed.

In granting planning permission for some further 760 new homes and an industrial estate at Vearse Farm, the West Dorset District Council and its planning committee have much to answer for.

With the sheer weight in numbers of cars, lorries etc. using our roads, what is one to expect?

I wish the group looking

to challenge the district council's diabolical and outrageous decision well: and a bypass for Chideock would, undoubtedly, go some way in mitigating and reducing the number of accidents on the A35 seen all too often!

Thank you for the support given me this past year.

DAVID TETT,
West Allington

Thanks for Beaminster Christmas Lights Festival support

■ ON BEHALF of Beaminster Town Council I would, through the pages of your newspaper, like to express our sincere gratitude to the numerous businesses and individuals who gave so generously towards the 2017 Christmas Lights Festival on December 1st.

We sincerely hope that all those who came along that evening enjoyed the parade and approve of the enhanced Christmas lighting.

This would not have been possible without the donations, sponsorship and manpower, including pupils of Beaminster School.

Unfortunately, due to printing deadlines, one business was omitted from the programme, so we would like to thank PH Hardwill & Son for very kindly donating the Christmas tree brackets erected in Hogshell Street.

CHRISTINE BRIGHT,
Town Clerk, Beaminster Town Council



■ A TOTAL of £770 has been raised for Burton Bradstock Village Hall following a Christmas quiz. More than 100 people attended the popular, sell-out event in the village.

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More than 100 brave the Wallow

THOUSANDS of people flocked to West Bay on Boxing Day to witness Bridport Round Table's popular West Bay Wallow.

The annual event attracted more than 100 brave participants who

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entered the icy water in the harbour.

Many were dressed up in special outfits with the spectacle including an inflatable t-rex, lobsters, trees and elves, with winners of the best dressed chosen by deputy mayor, Cllr Barry Irvine.

A spokesperson for Bridport Round Table said: "Thank you people of Bridport for such

an amazing turn out for the swim.

"Some fantastic costumes and a large amount of speedo and bikini

swimmers too!

"Great effort and well done!"

The swim raises money for chari-

ties of the participants' choice, as well as the Round Table which raises money for local causes.



Jane and Angie, dressed as lobsters, won the prize for the best dressed lady



Oliver Bretherton was named the best dressed man



Christian Hardy was chosen as the best dressed boy

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■ The winners of the race, Henry and Waldo



■ The Super Stephens team came in second

Common sense with money 3

THIS week we're talking about 'N' - National Lottery, No.

The National Lottery is made to look so attractive, they spend millions on advertising, but the odds against winning are ridiculous.

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That's our top tip:

don't do the Lottery.

How often are you asked to spend money when you really don't want to?

It might be a friend asking you to go for coffee or a beer, or a child asking for sweets or a toy.

We all know it feels good when a simple yes brings joy but if we can't afford it then we should say no.

It gets easier each time you do.

That's our second tip: say No.

Big turnout for pram race

MORE than 150 people came out to support teams entering the Marquis of Lorne Boxing Day pram race.

The annual event, organised by landlords Trace and Steve Brady, was the quickest they have ever had in their seven years at the Nettlecombe pub.

They said: "There was a brilliant turnout for the Boxing Day pram race.

"Such a lovely sunny start to the day, but unfortunately by 11.30am the rain started, but despite this we had seven teams to run the course.

"The race started just after midday from the pub and competitors ran towards the manor to turn left towards the dairy then another left back into Nettlecombe square, then back up the hill to the Marquis to a roar of cheers from the hundreds of supporters. The loop is just under a mile long.

"This year's race was the fastest that we have seen in the seven years that we have been at the Marquis, with the winning time of

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around three minutes and seconds

separating the second and third places."

The winning team was Henry's

Hero Wagon with Henry and Waldo, followed by Super Stephens, made up of Ben, Iris Oscar

and Arthur, and in third place was Tom and Patricia with their 'Cheeta' pram.



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Boost for church roof appeal

■ Parkers estate agents donated almost £550 to St Mary's Church roof appeal. Pictured (left to right) director Mark Parker, the Reverend Pete Stone and branch manager Adam Summers
Photo by BARRY GIBBS

THE appeal to repair the roof at St Mary's Church in South Street, Bridport, has leapt ahead by £13,700 in recent weeks following generous donations from local groups and businesses. Local estate agents, Parkers, presented £548 from its Christmas prize draw, £1,500 came from the New Elizabethan Singers and £250 from the carnival committee.

The appeal also received £2,800 from charity grants, £1,250 from the church's Christmas bazaar, £7,000 from personal donations, £370 from an 'in memoriam' collection, with various other donations from the congregation and the appeal's tree at Bridport United Church's Christmas Tree Festival. Team vicar Pete Stone said: "This is answering our

prayers to start the external work in the spring. "Support from the town and the congregation has been and continues to be magnificent." Judy Green, one of the members of the appeal working group, said that although nearly £20,000 was still needed before the roof work could start, the group is very encouraged by these wonderful recent results.

MBE for The Living Tree's Jo O'Farrell

BRIDPORT community stalwart Jo O'Farrell has been named in the 2018 New Year's Honours list and will be awarded an MBE. She will receive the prestigious title for services to the community. Jo helped to set up The Living Tree in October 2012, a self-help group for people living with cancer, which launched the Stepping Out cancer rehabilitation programme at Bridport Leisure Centre, as well as organ-

ising the annual fundraising MusicAthon and working with Pathways to Care, which operates the Good Neighbours Scheme. She was also awarded a Beacon of Hope award by the Lymphoma Association in November after receiving nine nominations. Jo said: "Thank you everybody. I feel quite overwhelmed by this award and the kind comments and generous responses from so many people."



■ JO O'Farrell has been awarded the MBE in the New Year's Honours List

Potato Day returns this weekend

BRIDPORT Potato Day will be taking place this Saturday (January 6th) in the United Church Hall on East Street from 10am to 1pm. Pennard Plants, a Somerset based nursery, will be coming along with 60 plus varieties of seed potato for sale by the single tuber, onion sets, shallots, planting garlic, a large range of heritage seeds, fruit trees and soft fruit along with kitchen plants and much more. Potato Day is a great opportunity to prepare for the coming season and gain advice about those potato varieties that thrive in local conditions. Refreshments available and free admission.



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Folk festival raises more than £3,000 for the RNLI



■ Chris Deacon (right), organiser of Bridport Folk Festival, presented a cheque for £3,200 to John Sanders, treasurer of the Bridport branch of the RNLI, from money the festival raised in August

THIS year's Bridport Folk Festival has raised more than £3,000 for the Bridport branch of the RNLI.

Festival organiser Chris Deacon presented a cheque for £3,200 to John Sanders, treasurer of the branch.

The first Bridport Folk Festival was held over three days in August and Chris chose the life-saving charity as the main beneficiary.

Chris' fundraising has spanned 50 years, during which he has principally favoured the RNLI.

Chris said: "I first began fundraising for the RNLI

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way back in the spring of 1967 when I became involved in a sponsored walk orchestrated by the West Bay Sea Scouts.

"I found the RNLI a worthwhile cause for me, especially being part of a youth movement that relied on safety at sea and therefore became the most obvious charity to support.

"I have been raising funds for various charities most of my adult life because I found a sense of worth in doing so.

"It cost me nothing but my time and energy but the realisation that your efforts are appreciated are more than worth it."

Planning for the 2018 Bridport Folk Festival is already under way and is scheduled to take place from July 27th to 29th with the beneficiary being the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

Organisers are still appealing for volunteers and anyone interested in helping in any way can find out how to be part of the festival by visiting the web site at www.bridportfolkfestival.com



■ MARGUERITE Carter, aged 99, was named the winner of the Catholic Women's League Christmas raffle. She is pictured with Canon Richard Meyer, Parish Priest of Bridport Catholic Parish.

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Slimming World's Becs celebrates record year with Peter Andre

A SLIMMING World Consultant from Bridport was congratulated on helping slimmers to lose weight and change their lives by singer and TV presenter Peter Andre.

Becs King, who runs a Slimming World group at St Mary's Church Hall, Bridport, every Tuesday, was delighted to get a chance to cuddle up to Peter when he presented the annual Slimming World Awards.

The Mysterious Girl singer co-hosted the event with the organisation's founder and chairman Margaret Miles-Bramwell OBE.



■ Slimming World consultant Becs King meets singer and presenter Peter Andre

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Becs said Peter's presence at the awards was extra special because earlier in 2017 he supported Slimming World's most successful fundraising event ever – The Big Slimming World Clothes Throw, which raised a record-breaking £3.3 million in just two weeks.

The annual clothes throw encourages Slimming World's 900,000 group members to donate the clothes, shoes, bags and accessories that are now too big for them to Cancer Research UK, by filling up specially-branded bags and taking them along to their weekly group sessions.

"I couldn't be prouder of the members of the Bridport group. Throughout 2017 they have lost fantastic amounts of weight, with many of them hitting their target weights, improving their health and boosting their confidence.

"It's so rewarding to see people being able to do things that they didn't think were possible before losing weight, whether that's having more energy, feeling happier, wearing smaller clothes, taking up new hobbies, reducing medication or doing more with their family and friends.

"Every week I feel extremely lucky to play even a small part in people's

achievements and I felt very honoured to represent the Bridport group at the Slimming World Awards.

"Cuddling up to Peter was a real treat. He was bowled over by the difference Slimming World makes to people's lives and it reminded me what an important and privileged role I have as a consultant.

"Now I'm heading into 2018 super motivated to support even more people in Bridport to be inspired to lose weight and lead healthier and happier lives."

Becs added: "Lots of people will be making resolutions to lose weight and improve their health this New Year.

"I truly believe that joining a Slimming World group is the best way for people to lose weight, learn new habits and improve their lifestyle.

"Thanks to our Food Optimising eating plan they will see big results on the scales without ever having to feel hungry or deprived, and at the Bridport group they'll discover a whole world of support and advice that's sure to help them achieve their targets – and have a lot of fun along the way too!

"I'd love for anyone who's thinking about losing weight this January to join us at St Mary's Church Hall, Bridport every Tuesday."

Peter, who set up his own foundation with Cancer Research UK – the Peter Andre Fund – after losing his brother to cancer, said he was thrilled to meet Becs at the event, which was held at Birmingham's International Convention Centre.

He added: "It was an honour to be invited to present the Slimming World Awards.

"I met so many incredible people who had lost amazing amounts of weight and transformed themselves – inside and out.

"While each of them was inspirational in their own special way, the one thing they all had in common was how much they felt they owed to their 'Slimming World family' in

helping them to do things they always dreamed of and become the people they've always wanted to be.

"Every one of them spoke passionately about how they couldn't have made the changes they had to eat more healthily and become more active without the support, advice and encouragement of their consultant and group every week.

"So there's absolutely no doubt in my mind that Slimming World and people like Becs are very special."

To be inspired to discover the real you with Slimming World in 2018 call Becs on 01308 861486 or visit www.slimmingworld.co.uk to find your nearest group.

Flower club's Christmas sparkle

AT THEIR December meeting, members of West Dorset Flower Club enjoyed a very entertaining demonstration by Irene Hickson from Bournemouth entitled 'Festive Tints and Glows'.

Irene produced five designs all with a Christmas theme, including a stunning sophisticated arrangement in a large champagne glass, another depicting Christmas in warm places, together with some more traditional designs.

Each display was rounded off with

nostalgic Christmas music to create a really festive atmosphere.

At the end of the demonstration the stage looked magical as Irene added a range of sparkly illuminated accessories to enhance the flowers.

The next meeting is the AGM which will take place on Monday, January 8th at 2.30 pm at the WI Hall in North Street. This will be followed by a short talk. New members are very welcome.

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What's your New Year's resolution?



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Drink Water Instead



- Caffeine is a psychoactive drug: it's also in tea, cola and even some 'healthy' foods

- A bottle of wine has over 650 Calories

- More than 50% of the population drink too much alcohol or caffeine

TOP TIP: Replace two drinks of tea, coffee, cola or booze with two glasses of water.

Buy ingredients not meals

- Processed foods often have high levels of sugars, sweeteners and fat

- Seasonal vegetables have higher levels of vitamins and taste better

- Fresh, local products have a lower carbon footprint and more nutrition

TOP TIP: Cook meals in bulk – freeze the extra and microwave them for convenience food that's healthy.

Walk to Wherever

- 100 years ago, we walked over 10 miles a day, doctors say we should still walk 5

- Walking is good for your heart, lungs, digestions and bones

- Walking is much better for the environment than cars

TOP TIP: Drive less, walk more and take a stroll twice a week.

Lose Weight

- Two-thirds of UK adults are overweight; half of these are obese

- If you're overweight, you are at risk of dozens of health complications

- If you burn more Calories than you eat you WILL lose weight

TOP TIP: Aim to lose 3kg a month until your BMI is down to 23 kg/m2

Sleep Soundly

- Adults need between seven and eight hours sleep EVERY night

- Lack of sleep makes you at risk of everything from the common cold to heart attacks

- 20% of car accidents are attributed to lack of sleep

TOP TIP: Switch off electronic devices 40 minutes before a regular bedtime and do something relaxing instead.

Find out more at #5stepping via www.yeovilchiropractic.co.uk

Anyone with underlying health problems should seek the advice of a healthcare professional before undertaking the lifestyle changes suggested.

Bridport Leisure Centre

NEW YEAR, NEW YOU at Bridport Leisure Centre!

WILL YOU be joining the 21% of Brits making New Year vows this January? Of all the resolutions made, over half will be health and fitness related- and for good reason. You can add quality years to your life by making proper nutrition and exercise a lifestyle rather than something done sporadically. However, sticking to those resolutions can be no easy task. We have some tips for helping you succeed and reach your goals, however big or small, for 2018.

One of the most common reasons for failure is down to lack of motivation. It is essential then to choose an exercise that you enjoy. We have a huge variety of fitness classes and courses to choose from, including some exciting new ones for 2018. There really is something to suit all abilities and tastes.

Another way to remain motivated throughout the year is to hire a Personal Trainer. They can provide the extra push needed to keep you on track, and won't accept any excuses! We offer one-to-one PT sessions or, new for 2018, Small Group Training classes are the perfect happy medium between personal training and a

fitness class – with extra emphasis on specific training goals.

Most importantly- keep in mind that results will come over time, not overnight, so try not to feel disheartened if you don't see a difference straight away. Be flexible and open to change- don't be afraid to try something new and mix up your workouts to keep that motivation running all the way into 2018 and beyond!

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Richard Cawte Hypnotherapy

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Hypnotherapy is a brilliant way to not only lose weight but make sure those unwanted pounds stay off! And the good news is that Clinical Hypnotherapist Richard Cawte is offering a £15 discount for all new clients during January only.

When you work with Richard, the emphasis is not on losing weight at all. There's no strict dieting regime. Instead, you learn how to discover the causes behind your eating habits so that you can choose new ones – and that includes still having treats!

To find out more about how clinical hypnosis can help you to lose and then manage your weight, call Richard on 07894 541796 for a FREE initial consultation. Or come to one of his introductory evenings at the Axminster Wellbeing Centre.

Richard also treats clients for insomnia, stress, anxiety, pain, tinnitus, self-confidence and stop-smoking. Call him for an informal chat about any of these conditions.

Evening Class: How to Lose Weight using Hypnosis

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Susan Gale Hypnotherapy

Change your mind and change your life



STUCK in a rut? Old habits stronger than you are? Wish you really could start the New Year as a New You?

But does it seem impossible to make lasting changes for yourself? Once something's taken root in the subconscious part of your mind, it really can be impossible for you to get to it to change it and so problems keep repeating, time after time, year after year.

Which is why old habits keep coming back. And why you can still find yourself trapped in negative thought patterns, no matter how you try to stop it.

Whatever is holding you back, Susan Gale can work with you, using co-operative Hypnotherapy to help you break out of the rut and change old negatives to new positives.

She takes a very practical, down to earth approach. And her long experience means she can tailor the therapy to your particular needs so you can clear the problems as quickly and easily as possible.

Don't "learn to live with it" – learn to live without it. Make the most of yourself. Make the most of your life.

Susan has been working as a hypnotherapist since 1989 and has helped many people clear many different problems. Her experience can help you break free. She is now seeing clients at the Aquae Sulis Centre on Damers Road. Take a look at her website www.beltain.co.uk or phone her on 07486 393047 to see how she could help you.

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Dave Cumber Vets

Fat 2 Fit - Keeping Fit with your Dog in 2018

HOW MANY of us start the new year with a fresh gym membership, new exercise bike or personal training sessions? These can help keep us fit, but sometimes we lack motivation and this is where your beloved pet could help. Exercising with dogs is one of the best ways of improving your health and well-being as well as that of your dog.

It's not just we humans that are getting fatter, statistics show that up to 60% of dogs and cats in the UK are clinically obese. It's not rocket science; we all know this stuff – too much food & too little exercise. And we all know the possible consequences for people & pets: Diabetes Mellitus, orthopaedic disease, heart disease, respiratory distress, high blood pressure and cancers. Let's face it; it's not much fun when every move you make leaves you breathless and exhausted. Your pet relies on you to make the best decisions for their health and well-being so why not get fitter together.

Here are 10 top tips to help you and your furry friend get the New Year off to a happier, healthier start

1. Get advice: many vets have free weight clinics. These are often run by nurses who will help set an appropriate goal weight for your pet and give you advice & support on how to achieve it

2. Be aware: risk factors for obesity include: age, certain breeds, being female, neutering and having an overweight owner – this is an actual fact.

3. Portion size: this applies to pets as much as people. There is a natural tendency for portion

size to creep upwards, so weigh your pet's food and mark your scoop so that you give the correct amount at every meal

4. Tit-bits and treats: snacks between meals make your pet fat – don't do it, it's not fair to them. If you give treats as a reward, keep them small and limit the number per day.

5. Walking: surveys have shown that 1 in 4 people admit to NEVER taking their dog for a walk. Start gently and build up to 30-60 minutes a day. Its great exercise for you and your pooch and it's a great de-stresser

6. Play: You are your dog's best friend and playmate – so play! Run around, get your pet to chase you, play hide and seek or play catch with a ball. Dogs get bored just as people do, so liveen things up a bit.

7. Play dates: many dogs love playing with other dogs and will run around playing chase for ages. Its great exercise and great for socialisation – dogs are pack animals, most enjoy canine company. Look for a local park where others walk their dogs and you and your pet can make some new friends

8. Exercise for the brain & body: many dogs enjoy a mental as well as physical challenge. Why not have a go at agility classes or Flyball. They are a fantastic way to keep your best friend entertained, socialised and fit – and you get to socialise as well. They cater for all abilities so why not give it a go?

9. CaniX: (pronounced canicross!) is getting out with your best friend and doing what they

love best – running. You run attached to your dog by a harness and most dogs take to it very quickly because dogs love to run, and it taps into their natural instincts. Take a look at www.canix.co.uk to find out more

10. Annual check up: you don't have to do this by yourself. Your local vet will be delighted to help and keep helping. When your pet is the correct weight it will be happier and healthier which is every vet's ultimate goal

You may feel your pet loves you when you give them food, but they will love you even more if you give them quality time, attention and the health to be able to get out there and enjoy life. You benefit, they benefit it's a WIN WIN – happy New year!

Full details can be found at the website www.davecumbervets.co.uk or on Facebook at [facebook.com/davecumbervets](https://www.facebook.com/davecumbervets)

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Sharon Lorimer

IN 2004 I qualified as a Sports and Remedial Massage Practitioner and have always advocated the combination of Pilates alongside my clients' treatments. In 2013 my passion for Pilates grew and I decided to further my skills and trained with Body Control PilatesTM in matwork Pilates.

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I have specialist training in Pilates for Osteoporosis & Level 4 Low Back Pain. More than 80% of the adult population suffers from low back pain at some point in their life. It is one of the most common reasons for people taking time off work. It may also impact upon their quality of life in other areas as well. Pilates is often recommended by medical practitioners to help alleviate low back pain.

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As well as group matwork classes and a special low back pain class, I also run private 1:1 Pilates sessions incorporating the Pilates reformer and other studio equipment. Pilates and Remedial Massage work really complement each other, the results can be astounding. It's so wonderful seeing how the combination of the two therapies can enrich and improve my clients' lives.

I currently run group mat classes at The Old Town Hall, High West Street on Mondays 630pm & 7:45pm; Tuesdays 10am & 6:30pm. All are welcome, for more details please contact Sharon on 07704 578535, Sharonlorimer@btinternet.com or visit www.sharonlorimerpilates.com



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The Garden Studios

New for the New Year at The Garden Studios Bridport

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Julia's Tripudio class has moved to Wednesday mornings 9.30am - 10.30am. This gentle exercise to music class is deceiving - it is gentle but effective. Your lymph system will flow helping your immune system and any fluid overload, you will stretch and ease out those tight bodies, and mobilize all those stiff joints all in a fun class that demands no floor work. We exercise to music, have fun and feel relaxed yet energised. A good way to start a day!

Relax your body to help stress in your life; Stress whether due to emotional or

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can be used to assist your health and well-being. The therapy room at the Garden Studio is designed to relax; warm and comfortable, soft lighting, heated massage couch and Julia's 25years of experience will provide you with the perfect environment to start your new year new you!

Stop Press - Julia and Paul have linked up with Furleigh Wine Estate for monthly Nordic Walks on their estate, check their website for more details or our face book page: Garden Studios Bridport. www.gardenstudiosbridport.co.uk. Call Paul or Julia for more information 01308 538112. juliagardenstudiobridport@gmail.com

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Search for pensioner missing from Blandford home is stood down

A SEARCH for a pensioner who vanished from Blandford has been stood down.

Following two days of intensive search activity - involving hundreds of emergency service personnel, partner agencies and specialist volunteers - police have taken the difficult decision to stand-down active searches for 70-year-old Andrew Latcham.

Mr Latcham was last seen on CCTV leaving supported accommodation on Park Road, Blandford Forum at around 3:30am in the early hours of Saturday, December 30th. He was wearing dark trainers with white soles, tracksuit bottoms and a dark raincoat.

Since then, searches have focused around the River Stour and other waterways that Mr Latcham was familiar with as a kayaker, the Blandford Trailway and other footpaths, floodplains and open spaces in and around Blandford, and the routes and villages between Blandford and Hamworthy.

Inspector Darren Stanton explained: "For a complex search like this, we use specialist search advisors and make use of a wide array of resources; including the National Police Air Service helicopter, water-based search teams, off-road search vehicles and specially-trained teams on foot.

I am grateful for all the specialist volun-

teers who assisted the search and recognise the desire of the local community to help in any way.

"We have covered a lot of ground with this intensive search over the last two days. Unfortunately, we have now come to a point where we have exhausted this search option. With the significant rainfall and passage of time, it is sadly very unlikely we would find Andrew safe and well by continuing this approach.

We therefore have to take advice from specialists and consider the continued risk to others of searching in dangerous conditions. While some local and intelligence-led searches will continue, local people will not see the same level of visible activity.

"We will of course respond to any new information that comes to light and I would ask people to check their private outbuildings and gardens if they have not done so already. If anyone has seen someone matching Andrew's description since Saturday morning or knows anything else that could help, please let us know.

However, I would like to assure you that extensive searches have been carried out, including areas mentioned by the public on social media.

"We have updated Andrew's family about this decision and they are very grateful for



the efforts made by all the emergency services, partner agencies and volunteers so far. We will continue to support them during this upsetting time."

If anyone has new information, please call Dorset Police on 101 quoting incident 30:121.



Can anybody help the fishing net lady?

A WOMAN known as the fishing net lady in Moreton is making an appeal for help. Charlie Coward and her family live by the Ford there.

She leaves fishing nets in a box outside her home for children to use free of charge and also runs a doggy kiosk.

Charlie and her family now need to leave their house as its being sold.

But she has not been able to find anywhere else to go and time is now running out.

Charlie told Wessex FM: "We are looking for a three bedroom house and we've tried everything. It just keeps falling through at the last minute. So if we don't find anywhere to live in the next few days we are going to end up in emergency council accommodation which is fine, but its going to be a caravan in Swanage which is not what my kids need when they go to school in Puddletown."

"Due to us giving out for the last 4½ years to help people in Moreton, free of charge, we'd like somebody to come forward who owns a house or some land, I'm not proud. We would live in a barn if it was close to Puddletown."

Affordable housing pioneers showcase their work



Visiting the Community Land Trust developments

AFFORDABLE housing pioneers in Bridport, Lyme Regis and West Dorset threw open their doors for a celebration of ground breaking Community Land Trust projects.

More than 50 people attended the event which included visits to trail-blazing Symene, Lyme Regis and Marshwood developments.

West Dorset is leading the way nationally with 10 active Community Land Trusts (CLT), which is among the highest number in any council district in the country.

CLTs are being progressed by communities with the support of councils to provide much-needed low-cost housing for local people.

The council's new Opening Doors

campaign - launched with North Dorset District Council and Weymouth & Portland Borough Council - is encouraging more communities to start CLTs and take advantage of £2m of funding to support projects across their areas.

Delegates at the event - including councillors, community groups and CLT members - heard presentations at Bridport Leisure Centre before touring sites.

Paul Derrien, housing enabling team leader for North Dorset District Council, West Dorset District Council and Weymouth & Portland Borough Council, said: "CLTs are a valuable way of helping to meet significant local housing need.

"We have an impressive number already but we want to see more projects coming forward.

"The networking day went extremely well with the opportunity for people to share knowledge, compare experiences and exchange ideas."

There have been 62 affordable homes developed by CLTs in West Dorset, including Lyme Regis which is not yet finished.

Symene and Marshwood are already fully occupied and 15 more homes will be available when the Timberhill development at Lyme Regis is completed.

Ten-home Symene CLT was formed for the people of Symondsburry on the edge of Bridport.

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Lyme Regis Comedy Club moves to the Marine!

LYME Regis Comedy Club starts the new year on Saturday 20th January in it's new home of The Marine Theatre, after moving from the Pilot Boat Inn. Local comedian Tom Glover continues to compère the monthly comedy club and welcomes headliner Angela Barnes along with comedians Jake Lambert and Matt Rees, giving the evening a whopping 4 comedian line-up!

If you haven't seen Angela Barnes before, then you're in for a real treat. Sarah Millican calls her 'brilliantly funny' whilst the Evening Standard reviewer hails her as "the best mainstream female comedian I've seen... I can't be any clearer than that can I?"

Angela Barnes has been catapulted onto every television and radio show worth speaking about, including Stand Up For The Week, BBC 2's Mock The Week, BBC Three's Russell Howard's Good News and Radio 4's The News Quiz.

Angela packs her set full of brilliantly crafted jokes bringing non stop laughs from start to finish.

Angela brings excellent support from Twitter sensation and Chortle favourite Jake Lambert (@littlelostlad). Jake now has a live set to rival his online output with witty stories filled with clever one liners, and snappy asides. Jake is ascending the comedy ladder, with recent tour support slots for both Seann Walsh and Rob Beckett.

Multi-award winning Welsh comedian Matt Rees has a unique brand of well-crafted gags and laconic delivery that have established him as a circuit favourite



■ Compère Tom Glover

since bursting onto the UK scene in 2011.

The rising star has won a whole host of awards including Leicester Mercury Comedian of the Year, Welsh Unsigned Stand-Up Award, and the Chortle Best Newcomer award in 2012. Matt has supported Welsh comedy superstar Elis James on tour and also per-

formed as part of the prestigious Pleasance Reserve at the Edinburgh Fringe.

Tickets are available online at www.marinetheatre.com or Bridport & Lyme Regis Tourist Information Centre. Doors open at 7:30pm. Tickets £8 in advance / £10 on the door (if available). Booking fees may apply.



■ Headliner Angela Barnes

From the Beautiful to the Burlesque

Allington Strings New Year Concert
– A Celebration of Baroque Music

ALLINGTON Strings New Year Concert will take place at the Sir John Colfox Academy at 3pm on Sunday, January 14th. Tickets £10 available from Bridport Music, Bridport Book Shop and on the door. Drinks and nibbles included. Children under 18 free.

The beautiful Bach Double Violin Concerto will be performed by soloists, Wendy Stahl local violin teacher and violinist in the highly acclaimed group Extreme Baroque and star pupil Zack Chantler.

Burlesque de Quixotte lightens the mood as Telemann interprets Cervantes crazy stories of the exploits of Don Quixote and Sancho Panza.

Concerti Grossi by Handel and Corelli provide some more traditional baroque fare before Biber's Battalia tells the story of a battle with 'dissolute, revelling musketeers' with simulated musket fire provided by the stringed instruments!

Somewhere in amongst all this the Queen of Sheba arrives.

A tale of Arabian Nights at Story Café

BRIDPORT-BASED storyteller Martin Maudsley returns to the Bridport Arts Story Café on a flying carpet of stories from North Africa and the Middle East.

Enthused by trips to Morocco and Turkey and inspired by the rich folklore and storytelling traditions of Arab and Persian culture, Martin weaves together a colourful tapestry of tales from '1001 Nights' and beyond...

An intoxicating evening of sto-

ries from long ago and far away that speak strongly to the here and now, infused with the playful wisdom, earthy humour and vibrant imagery of Eastern imaginations.

Martin Maudsley brings 'Arabian Nights' to Bridport Arts Centre's Story Café on Friday, January 26th at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £8 adults, £5 concessions, available by calling 01308 424 204 or online at www.bridport-arts.com



■ Martin Maudsley

Phill Jupitus to perform at Bridport Arts Centre

JOIN stand-up comedian, poet, improviser, and TV stalwart Phill Jupitus for over an hour of tales, laughs and diversions, at Bridport Arts Centre.

Watch in delight and/or horror as this experienced funny man drags laughs out of the chaos of his own life and the uncertain world that surrounds it.

Phill Jupitus brings his one-man show to Bridport Arts Centre on Friday, March 9th at 8pm.

Tickets are £15 available by calling 01308 424204 or online at www.bridport-arts.com



■ Phill Jupitus

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8pm. £16.

Friday 12 January
Arts Centre, Bridport
The Zoots: Sound of the Sixties
7.30pm. £16

Saturday 13 January
Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis
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Friday 19 January
Corn Exchange, Dorchester
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Saturday 20 January
Crown Inn, Bridport
Silver Bullet
9.30pm. Free

TOP 10

Top Ten Artist Sales of Preloved Vinyl for week ending Saturday, December 30 compiled by Clocktower Music Bridport

1. Depeche Mode
2. Bessie Smith
3. Marvin Gaye
4. Bruce Springsteen
5. Devo
6. Suede
7. Loop
8. New Order
9. Lonnie Donegan
10. Françoise Hardy

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VIEW 2**TRANSMISSION**

Your guide to local live music

Ma Bessie and her Blues Troupe

■ Ma Bessie's Blues Troupe

NATIONALLY acclaimed musicians celebrate the great blues singer Bessie Smith in a narrated music show at the Marine Theatre on Friday, January 26th, and Dorchester Corn Exchange on Saturday, January 27th.

Bessie Smith (1894 – 1937) was an American blues singer. Known as the Empress of the Blues, she was the most popular female blues singer of the 1920s and 1930s and is often regarded as one of the greatest singers of her era and was a major influence on other jazz singer. In this show, Bessie Smith (played by Julia Titus) and her band, perform alongside narration. It features authentic music from the era, including many of Bessie's songs.

This evening of music and story promises to be an absolute treat for all music lovers with Bessie's Blues troupe made up from internationally acclaimed drummer, Sam Kelly with Paul Jobson on keyboards, Tony Qunta on guitar, Richard Sadler on upright bass, with a special horn section.

The production chronicles her life from a one-room shack in Blue Goose Hollow, through to becoming the highest-paid black entertainer of that time, to the tragic accident on Route 61 in September 1937 which resulted in her untimely death aged 43 years.

A gem of an evening and not one to be missed - for further information and tickets please see www.marinetheatre.com, www.dorchesterarts.org.uk or Tourist Information Centres. Doors open at 7.30pm at both venues.

Tickets are £6 in advance and £8 on the door (if available) for the Lyme Regis show. Tickets are £15 and £13 for members for the Dorchester show. Booking fees may apply.

Acclaimed singer-songwriter Emily Maguire brings new tour to Dorchester

SINGER, songwriter, composer, poet and multi-instrumentalist, Emily Maguire is truly "a talent to be reckoned with" (*RnR Magazine*), her heartfelt, thought-provoking lyrics, emotive voice and spell-binding live performances winning her fans across the globe. With a remarkable story of recovery to tell, Emily has been interviewed many times on Radio 2 and Radio 4 including 'Midweek' with Libby Purves.

Classically trained as a child on piano, cello, flute and recorder, Emily taught herself guitar aged 21 when she found herself stuck at home with fibromyalgia pain syndrome. "I started writing songs and the illness suddenly became a complete blessing in disguise as I had all this time on my hands to write", she says.

Back on her feet again and fed up with grey skies and concrete, Emily gave up her flat in London for a shack made out of recycled wood, tin and potato sacks on a goat farm in the Australian bush. Together with Aussie bass player and producer Christian Dunham, she financed her first two albums

by making and selling goats cheese. "Living in the shack was one of the happiest



times of my life. And despite being a terrible cook, I was actually a very good cheesemaker", she says.

Emily and Christian returned from Australia in 2007 to tour with American legend Don McLean, playing all the major UK concert halls including the Royal Albert Hall. Her third album 'Believer', released in 2009, received regular airplay on Radio 2 and won rave reviews in the music press, Maverick Magazine hailing it "a masterpiece". Greenpeace used her song 'Woke Up' for their climate change campaign.

Emily hid her struggles with bipolar disorder until she published her first book 'Start Over Again'. Launched on Radio 2 on World Mental Health Day in 2010, it generated a huge response from listeners moved by Emily's openness and willingness to share her experiences of psychosis and depression.

In 2014 an intensive tour of Germany triggered chronic tennis elbow in Emily's arms, leaving her unable to play her instruments for 18 months. Devastated, she suffered a deep depression that lasted a year.

In 2017, recovered again, Emily released her hauntingly beautiful fifth album 'A Bit Of Blue' (produced by Nigel Butler) to critical acclaim in the music press. She published a collection of poetry, prose and song lyrics called 'Notes From The North Pole', and sang live on Radio 2, talking to Clare Balding about her music, mental health and Buddhist faith.

Together with Christian, Emily has been touring again and entrancing audiences wherever she goes. "I am just so happy to be out there again, performing", she says. "Music to me is all about uplifting, comforting and inspiring the people listening. That's all I want to do".

Emily has done many gigs in mental health hospitals and is a patron of the UK mental health charity Restore. She was invited to perform at the World Congress of Psychiatry in Berlin in 2017 and will be touring Germany as well as the UK in 2018. Just back from recording in Australia for her sixth album, she says, "I can't wait to be touring again. I'm looking forward to playing some of the new songs that will be on my next album". Ticket links and more information can be found at www.emilymaguire.com.

Emily Maguire plays live at Dorchester Corn Exchange on Friday, February 9th.

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This Is The Kit live in Lyme

BBC 6Music favourites to play intimate Marine Theatre show

THE Marine Theatre in Lyme Regis is kicking off 2018 in style with their hotly anticipated date with This Is The Kit on Thursday, January 11th, as part of the band's international tour in support of their latest album.

The playful indie folk band, led by Paris-based songwriter Kate Stables, has earned the adoration of peers including Guy Garvey, The National and Sharon van Etten. In the last year This is the Kit have performed live in session on BBC 6music and at festivals including Glastonbury.

Their new album is on Rough Trade records, home to The Strokes and Jarvis Cocker; 'Moonshine Freeze' is undoubtedly their best to date, and is produced by PJ Harvey's producer John Parish.

Sonically, 'Moonshine Freeze' is a beguiling mixture of great musical sophistication and something more guileless — children's games, incantations and snatches of nursery rhymes.

Support comes from Exeter's Tobias Ben Jacob, playing his own blend of alt-folk — his first show of the year. The 21st Century troubadour spinning tales of love, loss, beauty, and a unique form of soul cartography.

Tickets are selling like hot cakes, so please book in advance from www.marinetheatre.com or Bridport & Lyme Regis Tourist Information Centre. Doors open at 7.30pm. Tickets £16.50 in advance and £18 on the door (if available). Booking fees may apply.



Advertiser's announcement

First Class Dance School

FIRST CLASS DANCE School was officially launched in September 2017 teaching at various venues in Bridport, Dorchester and Weymouth. The school offers professional dance instruction for Children and Adults in Ballroom and Latin dances. These include the Waltz, Quickstep, Foxtrot, Tango, Rumba, Cha Cha Cha, Jive and Samba as seen on BBC's TV series *Strictly Come Dancing*.

Since the launch in September the response has been outstanding, with the school receiving a huge amount of interest with new students joining each week, as beginner's and dancers are taking up the opportunity to learn to dance, or to develop their existing dance skills.

The school is aptly named to provide First Class tuition. Teachers are qualified and continue their professional development to the highest standard with professional dance teaching qualifications under the ISTD (Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing) umbrella. We are also certified with enhanced DBS (CRB), First Aid and fully insured.

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The future is inevitably with young dancers entering the world of Ballroom & Latin dance, of which there is a huge surge of interest nationally, but lacking in West Dorset. To fulfil this need and to provide the opportunity for our children, the school is offering Children's Ballroom & Latin Dance classes in January 2018 - see the website www.ballroomlatindance.com for details, timetable, fees and bookings for enrolment.

Adults Classes - for adults there are 5 routes that can be taken individually or combined, each using our unique "STEPS" program - Dance Classes, Private Lessons, Technique Workshops and ISTD Medals, all from Beginner's Steps to Gold level Steps.

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DORCHESTER: West Dorset Health Service retirement Fellowship meeting at 2pm in the Boys Brigade Hall, Sawmills Lane, DT1 2rZ when Lucy Hooper will give a talk on The Dogs' Trust.

SATURDAY JANUARY 6th

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SUNDAY JANUARY 7th

LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis Sequence Dance Club restarts at the Woodmead Halls at 7.45 for 8pm. Join us to enjoy your favourites and maybe learn a new dance too! Call Andrea on 01297 561083 or email andrea1918@btinternet.com for more details.

MONDAY JANUARY 8th

BEAMINSTER: Film: 'Dunkirk' at Beaminster public Hall. Doors 7pm, film 7.30pm. Tickets at yarn Barton 01308 862715 (weekdays 9.30-12.30 and Saturdays 9.30-1pm) or call 01308 861746. £5 in advance, or £5.50 on the door.
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BRIDPORT: Bridport Folk Dance Club re-opens after the festive break at 7.30 - 9.30pm in the WI Hall, north Street, for its weekly dose of dancing in a variety of genre as selected by the club caller - whether the more elegant playford through to more recent dance compositions and American styles. no partner is needed and all are welcome regardless of experience - all dances will be talked and walked through and called throughout. entry £3 for members (membership £3 per year) or £4 for visitors. Also on 15th and 22nd, plus 29th with live music and guest caller. Call Monty on 01308 423 442 for more information.

BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, North Street. 5.45pm. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 281882.

CHARMOUTH: Ballroom and Latin plus Sequence Dance classes restart at The Village

Hall, Wesley Close. Classes: Bachata at 1pm; Intermediate Slow Foxtrot at 2pm; Intermediate Quickstep at 3pm and Popular Sequence at 4pm. Call Glenn on 07505 798258 or Andrea 01297 561083 for more information.

TUESDAY JANUARY 9th

BRIDPORT: Bridport History Society, United Church Hall, East St. Bridport. Sheila Meaney will be talking about 'People - Passchendaele - Peace' the end of WWI and what the Bridport Heritage Forum plan for 2018. Members £1 and visitors £3, all welcome. For more information contact Jane on 01308 425710 or email: jferentzi@aol.com

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 10th

MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall, 11am. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 281882.

BRIDPORT: Bridport Camera Club - talk by Andrew Mills - "What Makes a Good Photograph? - a tour through photographic genres - historic and contemporary." 7.30pm. At Chancery House, DT6 3JT. The club is always happy to welcome new members. For details call 01308 281561.

DORCHESTER: Evergreens Cinema showing Disney classic 'Cinderella' at Age UK Dorchester. Lights will dim at 1.45pm. Tea and biscuits served for just £1.50, ice creams also available. Everyone welcome. For more details call 01305 269444.

THURSDAY JANUARY 11th

WEYMOUTH: IT and Biscuits event at Weymouth Library. Free drop-in session for anyone who would like to find out how to download e-library books and magazines on their phones, tablets and e-readers. 10.30am-12noon.

DORCHESTER: Thursday Group will be meeting for a meal at the Walnut Grove in Durngate Street. For more details please contact Vernon Moffet (01305 259755)

FRIDAY JANUARY 12th

MARTINSTOWN: Exercise to Music. Village Hall, 10am. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 281882.

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, George Street, 3pm. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 281882.

LYME REGIS: U3A Heritage Coast & Turn Lyme Green. 'Bee Aware'. Illustrated talk by Brigit Strawbridge. The fascinating and often hidden world of bees, the problems they all face, and what we can do to help them. A social gathering with wine, juice and nibbles (no charge to members) will follow the talk to bring further cheer to January. Woodmead Halls, Hill Road, Lyme Regis DT7 3PG. Coffee/tea from 10am, talk at 11am. Free for U3A & TLG members, suggested donation for talk £2 to non-members. More information about the U3A at website lymeregisu3a.org or phone 01297-444566.

SATURDAY JANUARY 13th

LODERS: West Dorset group of the Somerset and Dorset Family History Society meeting at Lodgers village hall, 2pm. Short AGM followed by a members show and tell session. Could be an object or photo. Example take a family group photo and think about the people, were they lucky, unlucky, successful, good, bad etc.. tell their story. Contact Jane if you wish to join in. Members £1.50 and visitors £3, all welcome, tea and biscuits. For more details call 01308 425710 or email: jferentzi@aol.com
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SUNDAY JANUARY 14th

BRIDPORT: Allington Strings New Year Conert at Sir John Colfox Academy at 3pm. Tickets £10 available from Bridport Music, Bridport Book Shop and on the door. Drinks and nibbles included. Children under 18 free.

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■ The Zoots

Award-winner Christine Tobin to perform *PELT*

IN DECEMBER 2012 Christine Tobin won a BASCA British Composers Award for her spellbinding settings of poems by WB Yeats, 'Sailing to Byzantium'. The award included a PRSF commission to write new music. Tobin's latest album '*PELT*' is the result of this commission. *PELT* is Christine's settings of poems and lyrics by contemporary Pulitzer Prize winning poet, Paul Muldoon.

Although a continuation of Tobin's alchemy with fine words and music and her exploration of the chemistry between the two, *PELT* marks a new direction and a new musical soundscape. *PELT* is both daring and dreamlike, passionate and playful. In a four-star review the Irish Times wrote, "Pelt strikes that most elusive of balances between familiarity and strangeness, by turns recalling Tom Waits, Kate Bush and Joni Mitchell, without being beholden to any particular genre or influence... music that veers from grungy, post-industrial grooves to wispy romanticism to abstracted contemporary classical, all played with punkish attitude."



■ Christine Tobin

Tobin leads her virtuosic musicians across a kaleidoscopic panorama, sometimes as junkyard blues philosopher, or snappy beat seductress, sometimes as a conduit for exquisite zen-like harmonies, or reflective Americana. The result is a rich and engaging collection with Tobin's trademark originality. The seed of the idea for setting Paul Muldoon's poems came when the pair were invited to collaborate and perform a piece at the Kilkenny Arts Festival back in 2011. Christine had long admired Muldoon's work and he was greatly impressed by her settings of WB Yeats. The texts chosen for the *PELT* collection are a mix of his poems and lyrics.

Christine Tobin performs *PELT* at Bridport Arts Centre on Thursday, January 25th at 7.30pm.

Charlie Sings Jazz

Sultry songstress Charlie Bicknell heads to Bridport Arts Centre in January

DIVA, temptress and vocal sensation Charlie Bicknell is a force to be reckoned with. She has worked with singers such as Marie Wilson and Earl Okin, and sung at major London jazz venues including Ronnie Scotts, an accolade she shares with Philip Clouts who will be accompanying her at the piano.

Internationally she has performed at venues in Australia, Hong Kong, Copenhagen and Dubai; but nowhere as cosmopolitan as the heady heights of Bridport, England! Expect a smoking selection of jazz favourites.

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Property View

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE HOUSING MARKET IN 2018

By Ella Walker, Press Association



What will the 2018 housing market bring for buyers and sellers?

The housing market has been sending out some mixed messages recently - on the one hand there's talk of consumers being reluctant to make big decisions amid wider economic uncertainty and a squeeze on their living costs, but on the other hand, house prices have continued to climb in many areas, with reports of a lack of properties to choose from in popular locations.

So what's in store for 2018? Here's a look at what the market could bring for house prices, mortgages and first-time buyers.

What will happen to house prices in 2018?

In general, predictions have ranged from house prices being flat across the UK to edging up by a few percentage points by this time next year. Economists believe the squeeze on incomes from inflation will limit what buyers are willing to pay.

Robert Gardner, chief economist at Nationwide Building Society, says: "How the housing market performs in 2018 will be determined in large part by developments in the wider economy. Brexit developments will remain important, but hard to foresee."

Does that mean house price growth is expected to be subdued across the whole of the UK?

This year has seen big differences between areas of the UK in how the housing market has performed. The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (Rics) has said pricing in Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and north-west England has been resilient compared with some other places.

While London has seen a cooldown, some other major cities, where housing affordability is less stretched, have been putting in a relatively strong performance.

Richard Donnell, insight director at property analysts Hometrack, says: "The likes of Manchester, Birmingham and Glasgow have seen market activity increase and this has delivered above-average price growth of 6-8% for the last 12 months."

Will buyers have more opportunities to

bag a bargain?

When it comes to sealing a deal, more house sales are now going through at less than the original price sellers had wanted, according to estate agents. For some buyers, they may find there's more room for negotiation, depending on what the local housing market is like at the time.

But the supply of properties on the market is still tight in many places, so sellers in these areas may feel more confident in holding firm on price.

Across the UK, 85% of properties sold for less than the asking price in November, according to NAEA (National Association of Estate Agents) Propertymark - the highest proportion since its records started in 2013. One in eight (12%) properties sold for the asking price and 3% sold above the asking price.

What about mortgage deals?

Despite the Bank of England hiking the base rate from 0.25% to 0.5% in November, in general, the mortgage rates on offer are still "extremely low", says David Hollingworth from broker London & Country Mortgages.

He says some rates on the fixed-rate mortgage deals on offer had started to edge up even before the base rate increase, with rates creeping up further across the mortgage market generally after November.

Home owners sitting on their lender's standard variable rate (SVR), which happens after a particular mortgage deal comes to an end, may want to consider whether they can get a better deal, he says, adding that many lenders announced rate increases to their SVRs in line with the base rate hike.

Hollingworth says some mortgage borrowers will be receiving their annual statements in January, which can help them to take stock of whether they should make switching mortgage their New Year's resolution or whether they are already on a good deal.

How about first-time buyers?

Hollingworth says there are still plenty of mortgage options available for people with lower deposits.

Those who have slightly less than a 10% deposit may find quite a "substantial advantage" in being able to access a better mortgage rate if they can scrape together more cash to push themselves into the 10% deposit bracket, he says.

In some good news for first-time buyers, Hometrack predicts this sector will make up the largest group of buyers in 2018.

Donnell says: "We expect first time buyers to be the largest group of buyers in 2018 accounting for over one in every three sales (35%) and overtaking existing home owners (34%) as new purchases by investors fall in the wake of tax changes."

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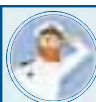
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Skittles

BRIDPORT
Cup fixtures.
Mixed Pairs (R2)
Tues, January 9th
BRADPOLE CLUB - E & M Hooper; M & N Powell; E & N Tuck; M Hansford & M Horton; H & A Poulley; J & B Cook; S Gale & N Broad; J Symes & N Poulley.

Wed, January 10th
BRIDPORT FC - C Huxter & M Huxter; K & L Groves; S & T Luter; N Gurd & M Howells; C Hopkins & C Lambert; M Gudge & S Newman; S & H Yeatman; J Brooks & G Brooks

Mens Individuals
(R2 - eight winners)
Mon, 15th January
BRADPOLE CLUB - R Pincombe; S Pitcher; H Tompkins; F Pomeroy; A Poulley; N Briant; A Cauldwell; N Pye; B Chapelle; L Dare; M Horton; M Powell; C Willcox; E Tuck; C Taylor; D Cowburn.

Ladies Individuals
(R1 - no byes)
Tues, January 16th
LORD NELSON - G Legg; S Newman; E Hooper; H Doble; M Poulley; J Cake; J Brooks; C Huxter; C Lambert; K Tuck; S Luter; J Symes.

Ted Davis

THE league was saddened to learn of the death during the Christmas period of Ted Davis, Captain of the Featherbeds, a longstanding player and also a past President of the League.

Division A	Pld	Pts
Shipfaced	9	18
Wanderers	10	14
Masters	10	10
Nelson Nobblers	10	10
Rejects	10	10
Miss the Ball	8	9
Broad Oak	10	8
Rough Eight	10	8
Slingers	10	8
Denhay	10	6
Rockets	9	6
The Dingles	10	3

Division B	Pld	Pts
Countrymen	9	12
Bangers	7	12
Lively Lads	8	12
I know the Bloses	8	12
Originals	7	8
Survivors	7	8
Gerryatics	9	6
Lost in Time	6	6
Dingbats	7	4
Outsiders	7	2
Pioneers	8	2

Division C	Pld	Pts
Aussies Lot	8	14
Castouts	8	14
LHS	8	10
Alcoholics	9	8
Stingers	8	8
Strawpeedos	7	8
NBC	8	6
Whisky Chasers	8	6
Unknowns	8	4
Wickers	8	2

Division D	Pld	Pts
BFC	8	15
Brandy Snaps	9	12
Featherbeds	7	10
Groundhogs	7	9
Let em Roll	6	8
Yo Yo's	8	8
Alleycats	8	6
Firebrats	8	6
Hidden Talent	7	2
Pinbashers	8	0

West Dorset Indoor Cricket League

Six wicket win for Beaminster

Martinstown U16 160-2 (10pts) beat Dorchester 91-5 (1pt) by 69 runs

THE Williams brothers got Martinstown off to a positive start with 60 runs coming from the first five overs.

With both having to retire Will Maltby (25*) and Matthew Lappin (18) continued to plunder runs as the Dorchester attack struggled.

Declan O'Toole (3-0-20-1) got reward for his accurate and nagging line with the wicket of Lappin thanks to a fine stumping by Tom Anderson.

However Martinstown continued to pile up the runs with

Jacob Coombes (25 *) and Charlie Durant (12*) putting on an excellent stand.

With Coombes retiring, Sean Williams (35) was run out off the last ball as Martinstown posted 160-2.

Dorchester found runs hard to come by with just 35 off the first five overs.

A brave 15 by Anderson was ended when he was dismissed by an excellent catch from Finlay Williams off Maltby (2-0-21-1), Ben Alford followed quickly caught behind off Durant (3-0-17-2).

Billy Baker (25) offered some resistance but the run rate climbed to over 30 an over.

Will Maltby executed two fine run outs as Martinstown ran out winners by 69 runs.

Beaminster U16 79-4 (8pts) beat Bere Regis 78 all out (2pts) by 2 wickets

BERE Regis began well with openers J.George (44) and A.Weedon (15) scoring at a steady rate.

But Beaminster struck with Weedon run out and Kelvin David (2-3-0-25-2) accounting for Harry Green.

With pressure mounting, two run outs left Bere in deep trouble at 51-4, the returning George struck out with some well

placed shots, but he was caught and bowled by David as the innings closed on 78 all out.

Oli Bareham (27*) and Tegan Furner (10) batted with maturity against an accurate attack and moved the score along to 25 before Furner was run out.

However, with Bareham joined by Adam Moss (20) it looked like Beaminster would ease to victory.

But Bere never gave up and Moss fell to a fine catch off the bowling of Mayo (2-019-1) and two more catches resulted in the dismissals of Will Swann (5) and Will Moss (4) but Bareham hit the winning runs with eight balls to spare.

Cidermen continue Aussie leaning



■ **ASHES NEWCOMER:** Somerset's new signing Cameron Bancroft is currently embroiled in test match action against England.

SOMERSET County Cricket Club have confirmed the signing of Cameron Bancroft for 2018.

The 25-year-old Australian batsman, currently opening the batting against England in the Ashes series, will be joining the County as overseas player and he will be available for the majority of the campaign, as Somerset Director of Cricket Andy Hurry explained: "Cameron will be available, subject to permission from Cricket Australia, for the start of the 2018 Specsavers County Championship season, all of the Royal London One-Day Cup fixtures plus the six remaining Championship matches that take place after the T20 Blast group stages.

"After a thorough process, designed to ensure that we secure the best fit for our Specsavers County Championship and Royal London One-Day Cup needs, I am delighted that we have signed Cameron. He has come very highly recommended. "Cameron has the appetite and the temperament for scoring big hundreds.

He really values the price of his wicket, is mentally tough and highly driven to succeed."

Bancroft, who played for Gloucestershire last season averaging 40 in the championship, made his international debut in this winter's first Ashes Test, making an eye-catching 82. He also has an impressive record in first class cricket with a top score of 228 not out.

After making the decision to sign for Somerset, Bancroft said: "I'm really excited to be joining a county with so much potential. I've heard a lot of good things from Justin Langer and it's clear that they are a team heading in the right direction.

"There's a long history of Australians doing well at Taunton, so hopefully I can add my name to that list."

He's not wrong - Greg Chappell, Steve Waugh and more recently Langer and Chris Rogers all made their mark at Taunton and proved to be very popular signings.

Lyme Regis Skittles League

RESULTS from Dec 23rd & 30th Ladies Singles

The following are through to the next round - Joyce White; Elaine Bearpark; Sam Churchill; Di Rickard; Tracy Chapman; Sharon Churchill; Lisa Taylor; Sarah Churchill.

Men's Palmer Cup

Roadrunners 367
No Hoppers 369

Men's Division Two - Anthill Mob

346 v Shakers 277 (Beer Leg Drawn).
High Scores: T Mayers 71; J Broome 67; P Grinther 67.

Men's Bob Sweetland Cup - Flyers

326 v Wreckers 335.
FIXTURES
(Friday January 5th)
Men's Singles

Mens' Div One	Pld	Pts	BL
No Hoppers	8	16	10
Flyers	8	11	10
Marksmen	8	8	12
Wreckers	8	8	4
Trappers	7	6	8
Young Guns	7	6	8
Roadrunners	7	5	2
Clueless	7	4	8

Miscellaneous	Pld	Pts	BL
Anthill Mob	6	10	3
Alleytwits	6	8	10
British Legion	6	8	10
Rousdon Rebels	6	6	4
Shakers	6	4	5
Tornadoes	6	4	4
President's Men	6	2	6

(Den Parsons Cup)

ROCK POINT : S Beal; J Rickard; G Kent; A Trott; P Bright; R Chappel; K Bearpark; R Bevis; J Powell; P Hodder; C Kapur; J Lee.

Ladies	Pld	Pts	BL
La Creme	6	9	10
Hot Gossips	6	9	5
Wootton Wob	6	8	4
Smashers	6	6	8
Rollercoasters	6	4	6
Generations	6	4	4
Skittso's	6	2	5

Bridport Golf

WITH PETER CROWTER

Austin goes up through the gears

THE Men's competition on December 17th was The Turkey Trot, a 4-man team Texas Scramble off a shotgun start.

The winning team was Pat Hart, Doug Miners, Lewis Craddock & Nathan Dunford scoring 56.1. In second place were Mike Chivers, Kevin Jones, Duncan Jones & Jimmy Gbadebo.

On Christmas Eve, 24 men took the field for a Stableford competition. The winner was Brian Austin (22) scoring 40 points. In second place was Dave Howat (18) with 38.

Then followed Steve Battrick (28) and Barry O'Mahoney (8) both with 34 with Battrick tak-

ing third on count-back.

The veterans' Thursday competition was a Three-Clubs & a Putter Stableford. Richard Fox (21) strode in with a fine 41 points and two points behind was Malcolm Peach (20).

The next three players came in with scores more like one would expect with just four clubs in the bag and Tony Burt (13) took third place with 35 after count back from Richard Parry (21). Richard Lomax (12) came fifth with 34.

After two postponements this was the Christmas Special where all 48 golfers went home with a festive prize.

Darts

BRIDPORT			
Division One	Pld	Pts	
Rob's Robbers	11	21	
Hands of Time	11	19	
BSC	11	15	
Well Hung Clocks	11	14	
Nomads	11	14	
Nags Head A	11	10	
Respect-de-Bull	11	10	
4 Drunks & A Driver 11		9	
Five Sticky Fingers .11		8	
One for the Vikings 11		7	
Young Darters	11	5	
Les Miserables	11	0	
180s: L.Cox, S.Alner, R.Cross A.Parker & S.Harvey all x4, M.Barnett, M.Savage, T.Prowse, G.Knight & J.Vickery all x3, 12 players x2.			

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Elders	11	22
Rubber Johns	11	20
Odds or Us	11	17
Poachers	11	11
Mis Fits	11	11
No Direction	11	10
Dart Vaders	10	10
The Surgeons	11	7
Otter Rotters	10	7
Anchor Five	11	7
Wicked TN	11	5
No Chance	11	3
180s: C.Higgs 4, F.Jones 3, D.Sorrell 2, P.Moye, S.Adams, T.Bond, T.Young R.Moye & T.Symonds all x1.		

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Anchor Vale View'	10	17
Stumples Stallions	10	14
Time Bombs	10	14
Whamo	10	12
Dat Team	10	11
Midnight Runners . .	10	10
The Shoplifters . . .	10	9
On me Tab	10	8
Odds & Sods	10	5
Dodgers	10	5
Ben's Followers . . .	10	5
180s: P.Gumbrell, M.Brock, C.Eaton & T.Stickley all x1.		

Ladies Div One	Pld	Pts
Anchor Aces	12	23
Arrows Awry	12	21
Queens Bees	12	21
Castaways	12	15
Queenies OTC	12	14
Against the Odds	12	12
Sue's Rebels	12	11
Diamonds ITR	11	10
Lil's Hopefuls	12	9
Charlie's Angels	11	7
Good Mates	12	4
Tiger Stripes	11	3
Double Trouble	11	2
Most wins; Janet Collins		
x1		

Football

Washout!

THE Perry Street & District League Division One cup final between Netherbury-based Waytown Hounds and Fareway United was postponed with hosts Kingsbury Episcopi's pitch waterlogged.

Read Howard Larcombe's Perry Street League Review in the Independent

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INSIDE: Festive Sport round-up

Bees bounce back after Willand dip

Wellington 0 Bridport 2

Toolstation Premier - att: 113

BRIDPORT got back to winning ways after the disappointment of defeat at Willand Rovers prior to Christmas, by comprehensively beating Wellington last Saturday, although it wasn't the most convincing of victories.

With the Bees home fixture with league leaders Street postponed on Boxing Day due to a waterlogged pitch, manager Adam Fricker would have been hoping for a good performance to set them up for what will be a long run in with 21 league games still to play.

Kicking up the slope in the first half with a diagonal wind causing problems for both sides, Bridport struggled to get into gear and lost Tom Richardson just before the interval with an injury.

However it was his replacement Dec

Cornish that sparked the Bees into life. With midfield getting to grips with the situation and a solid defence, the Bees exerted pressure on their hosts.

On the hour Cornish's quick feet in the box saw him find Mark Salter who made no mistake from six yards to give the Bees the lead.

Ten minutes later they doubled their advantage with a fine goal from Richard Hebditch. He closed the Tangerine's full back down and won the ball before racing on goal from near the halfway line and beating the keeper in a one-on-one as he advanced.

Fricker told **View Sport**: "The conditions weren't great, and they are quite organised and difficult to beat, which they were in a first half in which we were poor. However the second half we took the game to them a bit more, stamped our authority on the game

and dominated it.

"When you go to places like that, and with the conditions, it's more about getting the points on the board as opposed to the performance."

Fricker also cited a series of injuries and postponement's as a reason for a lack of consistency in recent games.

"It's been frustrating losing players in and out through injury and with games being called off we've lost that little bit of inconsistency in our play and it takes you a couple of games to get going again."

Second placed Willand Rovers were looking to avenge their 2-1 loss in the Les Phillips Cup in November at St Mary's and hadn't conceded a league goal since mid-September, winning their six games and scoring 18 goals without reply.

Craig Veal gave Rovers the lead after 20 minutes, but five minutes later the

Bees were level when Tom Richardson got across his man to convert Leigh Bailey's pull back following good work by Leighton Thomas.

Veal restored Willand's lead with a right foot shot across Jason Hutchings into the far corner to send the hosts in ahead at half time, but once again Bridport equalised midway through the second half from the penalty spot.

Neat play by Richardson left three players on the ground before releasing Richard Hebditch who was brought down by keeper Mike Searle inside the box. Mark Salter confidently netted from the spot.

However, just three minutes later Rovers regained the lead through Fletcher Williams, and wrapped up the points in the last few minutes when Luke Mortimore converted Ryan Guppy's cross.

Current table (38 games)	Pld	GD	Pts
Street	21	38	53
Bradford Town	21	26	45
Willand Rovers	18	44	44
Melksham Town	21	32	41
Buckland Athletic	19	8	35
Cribbs	23	11	31
Clevedon Town	21	3	30
BRIDPORT	17	9	29
Bridgwater Town	20	3	29
Shepton Mallet	22	-3	29
Bitton	19	-1	28
Brislington	23	-11	28
Chipping Sodbury Town	21	0	27
Odd Down	19	3	26
Hengrove Athletic	19	3	23
Wellington	21	-22	21
Hallen	19	-18	17
Cadbury Heath	15	-15	16
Wells City	21	-44	12
Longwell Green Sports	22	-66	2

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